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Re DEPTTEL 450 to Berlin January 12.

CIC report on Cox interrogation still incomplete. gator has furnished following data:

Re Marchuk. Cox met him late September 1952 Camp 4 Vorkuta; he had then been there 2 years. Cox described him as speaking fluent Ukrainian associating with Ukrainian not English speaking prisoners. Cox did not see him after departure from Vorkuta mid June 1953. Was then in good health and working as surface laborer in Vorkuta coal mines.

Re Verdine. Cox last saw him Vorkuta Camp No. 4 in June 1953. His prison number there was 1-Z-667. He had tuberculosis and Cox thinks he will not survive another winter. Verdine was held Weimar from time arrest until 1952 then to Lichtenberg prison Berlin. Cox and he were transferred from this prison to Russia in same car. They were separated after arrival but in November 1952 Verdine was put in same camp with Cox.

Verdine told Cox a US citizen Guy Kerrick, Jr. testified against him at trial in Germany. Kerrick, AWOL from 7742 Engineers, US Army since January 23, 1949, understood to be at Bautzen.

Re Noble. Cox did not see him but heard of him through Canadian Roy Linder whom Cox did not trust. They were together for four days prior Cox's departure from Vorkuta.

Re Cerny. Verdine told Cox he was in prison with Cerny at Weimar from February 1949 to July 1952. Verdine said Cerny was from Brooklyn, New York and was musically talented. Cox lacked information showing Cerny to be in Russia.

Cox had no information Cushman, Brown, Kumith or Valeshook.

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Re Hural.

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Re Hural. Hural is actual name although he used name Hural'sky in Russia. Cox describes him as about 52 years old, height 5 feet 6 inches; weight 140 lbs. (He is probably 40 to 50 lbs under normal weight as result of imprisonment.) Father's name not known but was described as dental technician in Beverly Hills, California. Cox said Hural claimed US citizenship by birth in US of Russian parents. Hural told Cox he came to Russia 10 years before outbreak of war and was employed as translator by Soviet publishers in Moscow. Was arrested when he applied for visa to return to US in 1946. Cox saw him first on arrival headquarters Camp Vorkuta, then on Cox's return to this camp for four days processing prior to departure for Sherbakoff. Was in good health but appeared to have aged considerably during interval. Cox thought he had easy job.

Re Green. Cox described him as 5 feet 10 inches, weight 130 lbs. (see remarks on Hural's weight), age about 37, wears glasses habitually. Home was Hollywood, California, father Leon B. Green. Green thinks his father might be dead. Father was consulting engineer in Hollywood area. Green said that he had numerous cousins on father's side named Malloy prominent in engineering field; that he was born in Russia; that family moved to Canada when he was young, then to Hollywood; that he and his sister were naturalized before a Los Angeles court. Both went to Russia before World War II; that he worked in Moscow for Henry Cassady of UP or AP; that at outbreak of war he started work for General Faymonville (chief of lend-lease mission to Russia until 1944). His sister, Green told Cox, had been language instructor at school attached to American Embassy Moscow. In 1946 when they applied for exit visas, both were arrested and placed in Siberian labor camps. Later Green sent to Vorkuta working first as ventilation engineer then maintaining miner's lamps. He had not heard of his sister for year prior to Cox's departure from Vorkuta in June 1953. Green had been in several Siberian camps but had met no Americans prior to Vorkuta.

Cox had also heard from Austrian PWs at Sherbakoff that there were 6 Americans in various camps east of Urals who appeared to be in good health. He did not learn their names.

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